

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

APRIL 1, 2022



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The City Manager's Update is a weekly newsletter that provides information about ongoing projects, events, and initiatives across League City.



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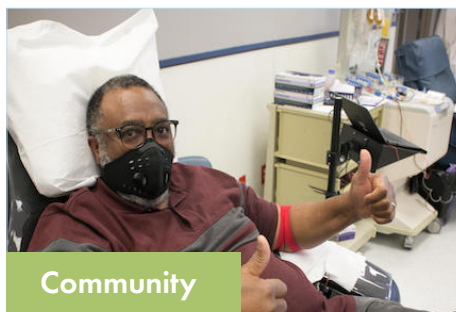


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Meet and Greet

City staff will provide helpful information to local contractors

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Community

Blood Drive

Give blood on Tuesday, April 12

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A-MAY-ZING Adventure

Register your team today!

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Spring Migration Celebration

Hundreds of birds are flocking to League City for their annual spring migration. Celebrate this momentous trek by participating in a variety of [special events and activities](#) in League City during the month of April. You can also learn more about spring migration and the birds you might see by taking the Spring Migration Birding Challenge. It features nine spring migrants that visit League City during their journey. Download the challenge [here](#) or pick up a copy at City Hall, Helen Hall Library, or Hometown Heroes Park. Bring it to City Hall once you complete it and collect a League City Spring Migration birding badge. The last day to collect your sticker is May 31, 2022. If you don't spot all the birds, that's ok. Participation is all that's required to earn your badge.



Film, Food Trucks, and Feathers

April 8 at 5 p.m. | Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside

Grab a chair and bring your family to this fun outdoor movie night. Arrive at 5 p.m. to grab a copy of the birding challenge and walk the Feathered Friends Trail. On the trail you'll learn fascinating bird facts from special signage along the way and have an opportunity to earn a Birding Badge. A cornhole tournament begins at 7 p.m., and at 8 p.m. there will be an outdoor showing of the movie "Rio." Food trucks will be on site from 6 to 9 p.m. for those who want a meal while they enjoy the film, plus free popcorn and lemonade courtesy of the City of League City.



Wildlife Stewardship Presentation



**April 9 at 10 a.m. to noon
Helen Hall Library**

The Wildlife Center of Texas will be giving a presentation about responsible wildlife stewardship and rehabilitation at Helen Hall Library. The group will bring along 1 or 2 animal

"Wildlife Ambassadors." The presentation is free and open to the public. All ages welcome.

Kid-Friendly Birding Activities



**April 9 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Clear Creek Nature Center &
Rustic Oaks Park**

Kristine Rivers—a Texas Master Naturalist—will host a kid-friendly nature walk where kids can learn the basics of birding at the Clear Creek Nature Center from 9 to 11 a.m. Later in the day, Kristine will teach nature arts and crafts from 2

to 4 p.m. at Rustic Oaks Park. No registration required.

Weekend Traffic Advisory

I-45 northbound main lanes from FM 518 to Nasa Rd 1 will be down to one lane of travel starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 until 5 a.m. Monday, April 4. The northbound freeway entrance ramp north of SH 96 will also be closed. Drivers can expect delays in this area during this closure.

Citizen University Graduates



Congratulations to our Citizen University Spring 2022 class who received their graduation certificates at last week's city council meeting. Twenty participants of all ages completed the City's 12-week program in which they learned more about their city government and how it works. The City will be hosting Citizen University again in the fall. Information about registering for the next class will be posted at leaguecity.com/citizenuniversity.

Building Department Meet and Greet



In April, League City's Building Department is hosting a series of "Meet and Greet" with local contractors who are currently doing work or are interested in doing work within League City limits. City staff will provide information and answer questions related to inspection requirements and procedures, permit submittal requirements, and how to use the City's Customer Self Service (CSS) portal. Each Meet and Greet is organized by type of contractor and will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center located at 400 W. Walker Street.

See below for dates:

- **Thursday, April 7:** Developers
- **Friday, April 8:** New Home Builders
- **Thursday, April 14:** All Trades and General Contractors (pool builders, patio builders, generators, solar panels, etc.)

If interested in attending, RSVP to building@leaguecitytx.gov with the date you would like to attend, your company name, and the number of people.

Blood Drive

On Tuesday, April 12, League City is partnering with the Gulf Coast Community Blood Center to host a Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. at the League City Recreation Center, 400 W. Walker. Donors will receive a free t-shirt as a thank you for their contribution. [Registration](#) is open now.

GIVE BLOOD

City Of League City

Tuesday, April 12
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Recreation Center
 400 W Walker St
 League City, TX 77573

****FREE T-SHIRT FOR DONORS****

Scan Below for Appointments:



SCAN ME



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



THE BEST WAY
TO FIND A
BLOOD DRIVE
AND SCHEDULE
YOUR
DONATION!



Connor, blood recipient

Now Hiring

Whether you're looking for a seasonal job this summer or want to start a new and fulfilling career, League City currently has several job opportunities—including camp counselors, 911 dispatchers (telecommunicators), detention officers, and positions in our Parks Department. Visit the [League City jobs page](#) for more information about each position.

WE ARE HIRING!



Sunday in the Park

Thank you to everyone who attended the first "Sunday in the Park" of the year at League Park! The 80's themed event was a great success with over 300 attendees who enjoyed live music, trivia, games and a fun performance by Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theater. Stay tuned for more information about our next Sunday in the Park.





HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

1. **Form a team of four people in one of the categories listed below:**
 - Family (Children must be 8 or older by May 14, 2022.)
 - Adult (All team members must be 17 or older by May 14, 2022.)
 - Business/Company (All team members must be currently employed by the company or business.)
 - Non-profit (All team members must currently work for or volunteer at the same non-profit.)
 - HOA (All team members must belong to the same HOA, and the HOA can only enter one official team.)
 - Super 60 (All team members have to be 60 years or older by May 14, 2022.)
2. **Sign up TODAY at [Lcadventure.eventbrite.com](https://lcadventure.eventbrite.com) (each category is limited to the first 10 teams that sign up)**
 - The cost is \$60 per team (\$15 per person) and includes four of each: t-shirt, commemorative pin, lunch/drink coupon for the finish line party, and a bag full of swag items and coupons from League City businesses.
3. **Attend a “Pre-Adventure Meeting” on May 7 at 9 a.m. at the Civic Center. During the meeting:**
 - Race participants will turn in their signed waivers, receive their swag bags, learn the rules, and provide information regarding the vehicle that will be used by their team the day of the adventure.
 - Teams that have all four members present at the meeting will receive valuable information that will give them an advantage during the adventure.
4. **Be ready for an adventure on May 14 starting at League Park and invite your friends and family to the FINISH LINE/60th ANNIVERSARY PARTY from noon until 4 p.m. at Big League Dreams.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What kind of challenges will we encounter?**
 - Each location will have one of three types of challenge: adventure challenge, photo challenge, or a clue challenge. Every challenge will take approximately 5 to a maximum of 20 minutes.
2. **How are the winners determined?**
 - The winners will be determined by the total points each team earns from 8 a.m. to noon. Teams that “attempt” a challenge will be awarded a point and can earn more points at each challenge based on various factors including creativity, number of correct answers, difficulty, length of challenge, and how much of the challenge was completed. Teams will be disqualified if they are pulled over for speeding while traveling from one challenge to the next or if a race monitor determines a team has arrived “too quickly” from a previous location.
3. **What happens if no one on our team can participate in a challenge due to extenuating circumstances?**
 - Teams have the option to “PASS” and not attempt a challenge, however they will receive 0 points, and will be sent to another challenge location. Remember, teams do get a point just for attempting a challenge, so a “pass” should be used as a last resort.

Have other questions or want to volunteer the day of the adventure?

Email Ashley Jackson at Ashley.Jackson@leaguecitytx.gov or call 281-554-1175

Public Safety Updates

Become a Telecommunicator

Are you looking for a new exciting and personally fulfilling career? The League City Police Department is looking to hire dedicated individuals looking to make a difference in people's lives behind the scenes as a telecommunicator. Telecommunicators answer emergency 911 calls, non-emergency telephone calls, and provide lifesaving instructions while effectively communicating and relaying critical information between first responders and citizens.

Learn more about the job and apply at www.leaguecity.com/telecommunicator.



Carrying Hope

The League City Police Officers' Association FOP Lodge 555, LCPD Community Outreach Program, and Henry Bauerschlag Elementary joined together to provide backpacks for "Carrying Hope," a non-profit organization founded in Austin in 2016 by foster parents and advocates who were heartbroken watching children arrive on their doorsteps time and time again with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The organization distributes "Hope Packs," which are backpacks filled with everything a child would need during their first 24-48 hours in a new home. Members of the League City Police Officers' Association and the LCPD Community Outreach Program are proud to support their mission to help children with the transition of being placed in a new home.



EMS Trains CPR Instructors



CPR is vital for the resuscitation of a condition called sudden cardiac death. Last year, out of the 105 CPR patients in League City, only 36% had bystanders or family members performing CPR prior to EMS arriving. That is a low number even with 911 Dispatchers talking callers through CPR instructions. Not only does EMS hold monthly CPR classes, but occasionally they train instructors. This week, EMS held a class for our police officers, Webster Fire Department, and Webster Office of Emergency Management to become instructors. Our police department is the City's best resource for getting trained CPR

certified personnel to a patient quickly. Officers on patrol are always assigned possible CPR calls because they are out on the streets and carry automatic defibrillators in their patrol vehicles. EMS is looking at a program call PulsePoint that would notify CPR trained citizens of a CPR need in their vicinity. Decreasing the time it takes to get CPR started would increase the number of lives saved in the city.

Public Safety Updates

Fire Extinguisher Training

This week, the Fire Marshal's Office conducted fire extinguisher training utilizing their new live fire training prop with member of boy scout troop # 554. If any local business or organization is interested in facilitating this training at their facility, please contact the League City Fire Marshal's Office at 281-554-1290.



Walk for Wellness

Members of the League City Volunteer Fire Department participated in the 2022 Walk for Wellness at Walter Hall Park in full gear this past Sunday. Even Firefighter Panda helped in cheering on all who participated! Congratulations to all who walked and ran in the event!



Duckling Rescue

This week, the League City Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to assist League City Animal Care with the rescue of baby ducklings from a drain at a UTMB parking lot. All 10 ducklings and their mom were safely rescued and transported to League City Animal Care.



Helen Hall Library Updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANTIQUES ROUNDTABLE

We'll be discussing Old & Antique Kitchen-Related Items during our upcoming program.

Mon, April 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.
For adults

FAMILY STEAM

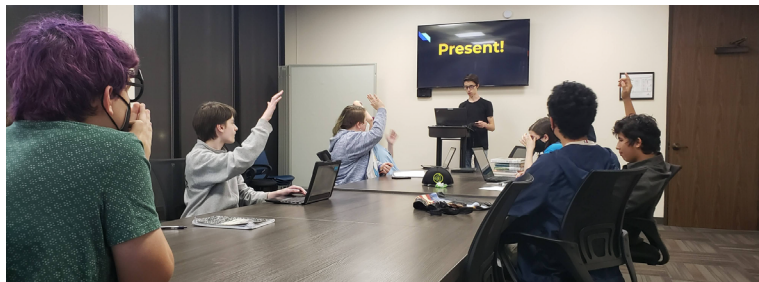
Join us for some creative problem solving!

Thurs, April 7 from 6 to 7 p.m.
For all ages

TEEN MYTHS & TALES

Explore legendary, mystical worlds of mythology and folktales! Hosted by a Teen Advisory member.

Sat, April 9 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
For ages 12 to 18



OTHER HAPPENINGS

Social Media Computer Class: On Wednesday, April 6, explore the available options that social media offers, as well as current and future trends. This class takes place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Children's Gardening: Come participate in our gardening program for children and their families. We'll be outside, weather permitting. Join us on April 13 from 5 to 6 p.m. For ages 6 to 11.

Music and Movement: Join us for songs, movement, and a whole lot of shaking! We're at various parks this spring, and on Saturday, April 16, we'll be at Ghirardi WaterSmart Park from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.



Guess what the wood from a League Park tree will become at Helen Hall Library by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/treestumped>



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Parks and Recreation Updates

Astronomy in the Park

Free Event - Open to the Public

Saturday April 2nd 7-9pm



At Rustic Oaks Park

Food Truck Friday



April 8th

6pm-8pm

FREE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

At Lynn Gripon Park at Countryside

Egg Scramble



April 10th



At Hometown Heroes Park

Egg hunt, face painting, kids activities
and the Easter bunny

Free
Event



Activities
starts at
Noon

Nature with Kristine

Nature Walk

April 9th 9-11am

At Dr. Ned and Fay Dudney Nature Center

Look for birds, wildlife and
discuss plants and trees along the way

Nature Arts and Crafts

April 9th 2-4pm

At Heritage Park

Use your creativity to find items from
nature to make beautiful artwork

FRIDAY APRIL 22

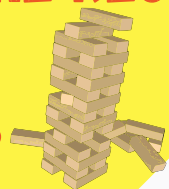
KIDS NIGHT AT THE REC



5-9PM

AGES 6-12

FEE: \$15/\$22.50



DID YOU KNOW?

We have NEW Adult Recreation
Programs starting this summer!!!

Check out what we have to offer in our

Beyond The Oaks Brochure at

Leaguecity.com or pick up a copy at

Hometown Heroes Park

Registration for residents

begins April 13th

For more info call us at

281-554-1180

or visit leaguecity.com/parks



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Public Works Updates

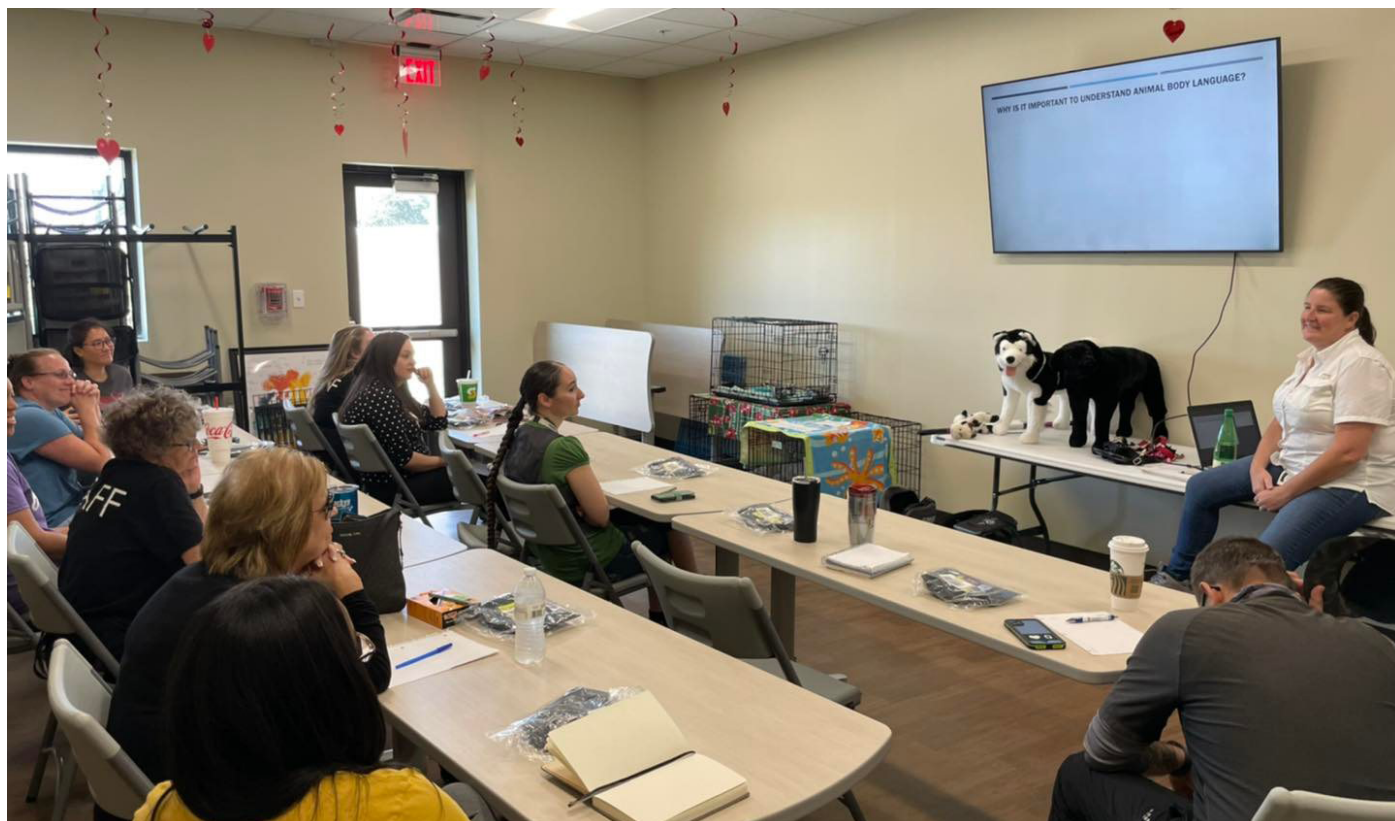
Discharge Survey

The Wastewater Department recently completed the distribution of wastewater discharge surveys to all businesses throughout the City of League City. The wastewater department would like to remind businesses that this survey is due **April 11, 2022**. The survey is part of a pretreatment program in which the City of League City is required to identify all businesses that might be subject to a pretreatment program. The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) mandates the City of League City obtain information from every business owner/manager within the City of League City and the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (E.T.J.). Please return the survey via email at pretreatment@leaguecitytx.gov, fax at 281-554-1325, or call pretreatment at 281-554-1327 to schedule a pickup. An electronic fillable version of the survey is available online on the main wastewater page located at <http://www.leaguecitytx.gov/2163/Wastewater>. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

League City Animal Care Updates

Staff Training

The League City Animal Care team was visited last week by Suzanne Turner—Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC), Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA), and Associate Dog Trainer (ADT)—to hold a training class for all staff members on dog behavior and body language, training equipment, and more. This is just one of many steps that League City animal welfare professionals are taking to improve their skills, safety, and the experiences of the animals in their care.



Communications Updates


MEET **#LCLOCAL** YOUR



LC Local

Meet Clay Anderson, retired NASA astronaut, award-winning author and our #LCLocal! Clay trained for years to become an astronaut and he has spent 167 days in space!

Learn more about Clay and his astronaut adventures at www.leaguecitytx.gov/4223/Clayton-Anderson



CLAYTON ANDERSON

#LCLOCAL RESIDENT, AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, & ASTRONAUT

What was the coolest thing about being in space?

By far, the coolest thing is micro-gravity! Being weightless made me Superman every day. I flew to breakfast, then I flew to work.

Tell us about the astronaut training process.

Since we were working with the Russians, we had to learn their language, the Russian Soyuz, and Russian systems.

What do you love about League City?

This area is hard to beat because there are a lot of amazing opportunities. It's just really diverse.

What's the best part of being an astronaut?

It's both challenging and rewarding, but I think the best part for me is the ability to share my stories and reach out to people.

Describe League City in a few short words.

Diverse, well-placed, active.

Read more about Clayton and other #LCLocals at leaguecity.com/LCLocals

CIP Updates

GO Bond Drainage Projects Update

The following projects are part of the GO Bond Program that was approved on May 14, 2019 and their purpose is to improve drainage in their respective areas. This update is **not** a complete list of all bond projects underway. Look for updates on GO bond projects each week in the CMU.

Deer Ridge Drive Buy-Out with Overland Flow Improvements (DR1902)

This GO Bond project designed overland flow to provide improved drainage of Deer Ridge Drive into Bradshaw Ditch, while reducing excessive flooding in the street during extreme events. The Deer Ridge driveways are poured. The contractor is forming up the pilot channel entry at Deer Ridge to pour by the end of this week, weather permitting. Construction is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2022 based on a 240-day contract from notice to proceed to substantial completion.

Dove Meadows & Borden's Gully Detention Pond (DR1903)

The Bay Colony area, including Dove Meadows Subdivision, is impacted by existing drainage culverts at Hughes Lane and W. Deats Road. This area is also impacted by the condition of Dickinson Bayou downstream of these culverts. The proposed improvements to this area include the construction of a 115-acre-foot detention pond between the east side of Dove Meadows and Borden's Gully. The Nationwide Permit Verification was received from the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) on April 16, 2021, which will allow the City to move forward pending land acquisition. Land acquisition for the location of the detention pond is anticipated to be resolved in 3-6 months, after which, construction will be bid. The consultant expects the delivery of the 100% design plans first of April 2022.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 3 Overflow Swales (DR1901)

Phase 3 of the Bay Ridge Flood Reduction Project will construct extreme overflow swales at Seacrest Blvd., Anchor Way, Windward Drive, and Baycrest Drive to allow for the free outfall into the detention pond. Repaving on Anchor Way, excavation at the detention pond and installation of the storm drain on Mariner's Way are still ongoing. Approximately 195 linear feet of concrete street pavement has been poured this week along Ocean Way. An additional 100 linear feet is scheduled to be poured towards the end of this week, weather permitting.



CIP Updates

Bay Colony Area Detention Improvements (DR1909)

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey flooding, a Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study was conducted of areas within the Magnolia Bayou and Borden's Gully Watersheds. This project will construct drainage improvements to 18 existing detention ponds to reduce flooding in the Bay Colony area subdivisions. Detention areas are to be widened at the top, leaving the bottom 1/3 of the detention area unchanged. This approach allows for approximately 70 ac-ft of additional detention storage.

The project was re-advertised for bid on January 18, 2022 due to a lack of response from the initial advertisement in October 2021. Three bid proposals were received at the opening on February 15, 2022. The construction contract went to City Council on March 22, 2022. After discussion about right-of-entry access, Councilmembers asked to move the item to the meeting on April 12, 2022 to allow City staff time to provide additional information for consideration.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 1 Levee Improvements (DR2004)

This project designs the elevation of Bay Ridge Drive, which was determined to be the main risk of flooding from external flood sources. The improvements to Bay Ridge Drive will be designed in accordance with levee standards (FEMA 44CFR65.10) which will allow the City to improve the remaining portions of the existing flood protection system, tying into Bay Ridge Drive.

Sixty percent design review comments were submitted to the consultant at the end of January 2022 and the consultant is currently revising the plans to address the comments. Due to the timeline and magnitude of this project, the consultant is working on submitting the 100% designs to the City on the next submittal, in-lieu of 90% designs. Plans are required to be reviewed by TxDOT as well as the City due to the connection of the roadway to SH 96. The next submittal is anticipated in May 2022.

Bay Ridge Flood Reduction – Phase 2 Pump Station & Detention Pond Improvements (DR2005)

A 42,000 gallon-per-minute (gpm) Stormwater Pump Station will be added to the existing detention pond within the Bay Ridge Subdivision to allow the pond to discharge into Gum Bayou, which reduces the potential for flooding within the subdivision. At the City's request, the engineering consultant provided additional design for a security system at the pump station building which delayed bidding to late March 2022. This project advertised for bid on March 29, 2022 and will open on April 27.

Brittany Bay Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project (DR2009)

Brittany Bay and surrounding subdivisions experienced major flooding during Hurricane Harvey and endure nuisance ponding within streets during lesser storm events. This project will utilize existing easements to provide flood relief for adjacent streets to drain to outfalls into the adjacent channel and permanently remove drainage obstructions.

In December 2021, the consultant delivered the revised 100% design plans which were approved by the City. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) required additional documentation for this project, and on January 18, 2022, concluded that no historic properties are present or affected by the project as proposed. The consultant has provided all necessary documents for bidding once FEMA construction funding is approved and easements are obtained.

CIP Updates

FM 518 & Wesley Dr Drainage Improvements Project (DR2010)

This project will mitigate chronic flooding in the area. The improvements will result in a potential reduction in the flooding depths on Main Street (FM518) of approximately 0.5 to 1.0 feet. This will reduce the frequency with which the road will be inundated while keeping the road passable to emergency vehicles even in extreme weather events. This project is dual-funded by FEMA HMGP (75%) and CDBG-DR (25%).

The consultant delivered the Final Drainage Report on December 2, 2021, which was reviewed by City staff. On January 3, 2022, the consultant requested an extension which was verbally granted by the City Engineer for further evaluation of additional conveyance and detention options beyond the project's original scope. The consultant produced a "No Detention" option that required additional analysis and coordination. The new "No Detention" option should keep the project within the approved budget.

On February 9, 2022, during an environmental meeting with the General Land Office (GLO) the City was advised that this project would require a full Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet HUD and FEMA requirements. On February 15, 2022, the consultant delivered a new Environmental Proposal to meet the new requirements by GLO. On February 24, 2022, City staff reviewed the new proposal and returned comments to the consultant. Subsequent conversations with the GLO determined that a modified EA could be used due to the elimination of detention ponds from the original scope and smaller project footprint. The consultant delivered the revised environmental proposal on March 7, 2022, which was approved pending a change order and time extension. Delivery of the 60% plans has been delayed until April 2022.

Oaks of Clear Creek Detention – South Detention Pond (DR2101A)

The proposed stormwater detention facility is adjacent to the Oaks of Clear Creek Drainage Relief project and will be constructed in conjunction with the Bradshaw Ditch Improvements. It was decided to make the stormwater detention facility a separate project from Deer Ridge Buy-out and Overland Flow Improvements (DR1902) so construction could begin on the subdivision improvements. The increased level of service along Deer Ridge cannot be achieved until the stormwater detention facility is constructed. The consultant is working on submitting the 100% design plans for final review by early April. This project is anticipated to bid in April 2022.

Oaks of Clear Creek Detention – North Detention Pond (DR2101B)

In the aftermath of the Hurricane Harvey flooding, City staff had a Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) Study of areas within the Benson Bayou Watershed and the Oaks of Clear Creek Subdivision performed. In March 2018, a public meeting was held to go over the preliminary findings of the study and to discuss potential improvements to help reduce flooding within this area. In August 2018, the final report was presented to City Council during a Council Work Session. One of the areas of concern discussed during the public meeting, and again when presenting to Council, was the lack of detention within the area, specifically for the Oaks of Clear Creek Subdivision where structural inundation can occur during 1% exceedance rainfall events.

Based on the H&H study, City Staff created a potential drainage improvement project to reduce structural and street flooding in the Oaks of Clear Creek Subdivision in conjunction with the improvements from the Oaks of Clear Creek Detention and Deer Ridge Drive Overland Flow Projects. The City has provided comments on the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) submittal and a meeting is being scheduled for next week between the City and the consultant to discuss. The City is currently in negotiations to acquire the necessary parcels needed for this project.